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ECONOMIC CRISIS

REFS: A) KINGSTON 139; B) KINGSTON 159

1. IN CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED REF B, I AGREE ENTIRELY
WITH YOUR CONCLUSION THAT WE SHOULD NOT URGE IMF ROUTE ON
GOJ AT THIS TIME.

2. AS REGARDS U.S. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE, YOU ARE AWARE OF
SOME CONTINGENCY PLANNING WE HAVE DONE ON THE ASSUMPTION
THAT -- WITH HIS BITTERLY FOUGHT ELECTIONS OUT OF THE WAY
--MANLEY MIGHT WELL SEEK BETTER, MORE COOPERATIVE RELA-
TIONS WITH US. WE ARE ENCOURAGED IN THIS CONTEXT BY
APPARENT GOJ DECISION TO COME TO FINAL AGREEMENT WITH
KAISER. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT WISH TO SEEM IN ANY WAY TO
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BE FORECLOSING SUCH AN OPTION FOR MANLEY.

3. WHETHER AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE GOJ CAN ULTIMATELY
DO WITHOUT IMF ASSISTANCE IS UNCLEAR TO US. BUT CON-
CEIVABLY THE JAMAICAN AUSTERITY EFFORT COULD TURN OUT TO
BE SUFFICIENTLY COMPATIBLE WITH IMF VIEWS OVER THE LONGER
TERM SO AS TO PERMIT SOME DEGREE OF IMF HELP IN THE

FUTURE. THIS IS ALSO AN OPTION WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE LEFT
OPEN BY ALL CONCERNED.

4. YOU WILL WISH TO KEEP THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND
DURING ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOJ ON ITS FIN-
ANCIAL/ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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